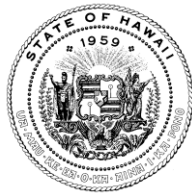


GM659

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, CATALINA CROSS, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.
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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 659, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CATALINA CROSS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Catalina Cross' appointment to the Board of Pharmacy (Board).

Ms. Cross has nearly 25 years of experience in sales and management, mostly in the healthcare industry. She is currently the director of pharmacy for Times Supermarket and manages the operations of the 13 pharmacies within this supermarket chain. Ms. Cross also teaches an online pharmacy leadership course for the University of Hawaii Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

In addition, Ms. Cross is co-chair of the Maui Community Partner Health Coalition and serves on the College of Pharmacy's Dean's Council.


The Department believes that Ms. Cross' interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: 
Paula Yoshioka, Vice President, Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: April 2, 2019

Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Hearing; Friday,
April 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Room 229

Re: Support for GM 659 Gubernatorial Nominee Catalina Cross to the Board of Pharmacy

The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a not-for-profit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,600 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Catalina Cross's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Cross has a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration and her dissertation focused on the Pharmacist-Diabetic Patient Relationship Factor Related to Behavioral Changes and Improved Outcomes. Ms. Cross currently serves as the Director of Pharmacy and HIPAA Privacy Officer for the 13 pharmacies within the Times Supermarket chain. Her responsibilities include developing collaborating relationships with the Department of Health, suppliers/distributors, and healthcare providers in the state.

We have worked with Ms. Cross over the last two years on key legislative issues and are confident that she will bring her professional training and her valuable experience as a member of the Board of Pharmacy. We strongly support her gubernatorial nomination.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

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DATE: April 4, 2019

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

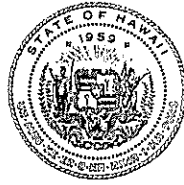
RE: **GM 659 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, CATALINA CROSS, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.**
Hearing Date: Friday, April 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Catalina Cross to the Board of Pharmacy.

I have known Catalina for several years through her participation at public hearings of the Board of Pharmacy. Catalina will be an excellent addition to the Board. Her collaborative approach, objectivity, and understanding of the practice of pharmacy will enable the Board to continue to fulfill its responsibility to the pharmacy profession and to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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**TESTIMONY in SUPPORT OF CATALINA CROSS (GM659) FOR THE HAWAII
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, and Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Thaddeus Pham, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii Dept. of Health

HEARING: Friday, April 5, 2019 9:30 AM Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

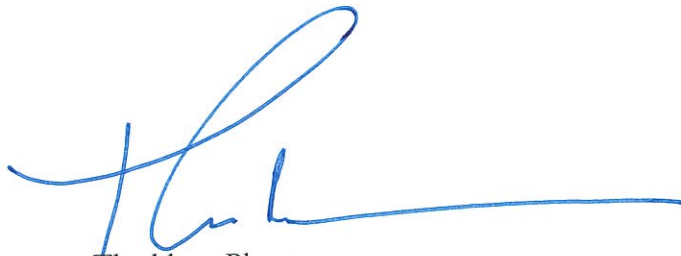
I am writing in strong support for Catalina Cross to be approved as a member of the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy (HBOP). In her current role as Director of Pharmacy for Times Supermarket, she has promoted policy changes and interventions that have increased public health in Hawaii. I have collaborated with her for over four years on multiple innovation projects in the pharmacy setting. Through these collaborations, I have witnessed Catalina's commitment to enhancing the quality and breadth of pharmacy-based care and, concurrently, the health and well-being of our local community. Her work ethic is steadfast and thorough, and her ability to communicate effectively will provide invaluable to the HBOP body.

As the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator for the Hawaii State Department of Health, I collaborate with many community agencies, including the Times Supermarket, to address health for many populations affected by viral hepatitis, especially seniors, immigrants, and migrants. Recently, Catalina's efforts have supported the Hawaii Department of Health in our collaborative efforts at addressing the low immunization rates among diabetics in Hawaii. Given my working experience with Catalina, I can attest to the value of her contribution to HBOP from a much-needed public health innovations perspective. As an HBOP Board Member, Catalina will be a strong advocate for ensuring public health and increasing access to care for people in Hawaii.

The recommendations and priorities identified by HBOP will have a bearing on the health of many of our most marginalized and medically fragile communities, and I urge you to strongly consider Catalina approving her appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo for your consideration!



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Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

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The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Department of Pharmacy Practice

April 1, 2019
Roy Alan Goo, PharmD
Associate Professor and Chair, Pharmacy Practice Dept
Re: GM659 Catalina Cross Nomination Board of Pharmacy

I am writing this testimony to express my support of Catalina Cross's nomination for the Board of Pharmacy. I have known Catalina for approximately 5 years, during which Catalina has distinguished herself as an extremely capable and forward thinking leader with a vision to not only progress the practice of pharmacy but the improvement in the overall quality and access to care afforded to Hawaii's residents. I am without a doubt that Catalina will be an invaluable member if elected to the board of pharmacy and will provide a unique perspective that will be of great benefit to the state.

As a Pharmacy Board Member, Catalina will be a strong advocate for ensuring public safety and increasing access to care for people in Hawaii. It is for these reasons that I offer my full support for Catalina's nomination.

Mahalo,

Roy Alan Goo, PharmD
Associate Professor and Chair, Dept of Pharmacy Practice
The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

From: [MICHAEL BATES](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: GM659
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7:03:32 AM

Joanne Bates
Director of Utilization Management
Re: GM659 Catalina Cross Nomination Board of Pharmacy

I am in support of Catalina Cross's nomination for the Board of Pharmacy. I have known Catalina for 4 years. Catalina is driven to further expand access to care through pharmacy services for people who live in our communities.

I have had the privilege to work with Catalina Cross as a member of our Maui Community Partner's Coalition. Through her commitment to our Maui community, she has been a strong advocate for Education on Medication Safety for our residents and has coordinated the Drug Take Back Event with the National Take Back Initiative for unused and expired medications. With her dedication as a Co-Chair and leadership, our coalition has been successful with preventing readmissions in to our community hospital.

As a Pharmacy Board Member, Catalina will be a strong advocate for ensuring public safety and increasing access to care for people in Hawaii.

Thank you for your kind consideration,
Joanne Bates